

City of Dawsonville
November 1, 2004
Regular Meeting of the City Council

Mayor Cox called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Those present were Mayor Joe Lane Cox, Council Members Jonathan Cox, Tim Wimpey, Mike Sosebee and Mike Wilson, Kim Cornelison, Dana Miles, Steve Holder and concerned citizens of the City of Dawsonville and Dawson County.

Invocation and Pledge: Mayor Cox led the invocation and pledge.

Approval of Minutes: Councilman Tim Wimpey made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of the October 4, 2004 meeting. Mike Wilson seconded the motion, the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Proclamation: Home Healthcare: A proclamation was read in support of Home Healthcare and each council member signed the proclamation. Mayor Cox thanked the Tugaloo Home Health Agency representatives for their care for our elderly, disabled and infirm.

Parade/Public Assembly Application – Pastor Michael Patrick: Motion to approve the application by Pastor Patrick for a public demonstration for Christian rights and beliefs was made by Tim Wimpey. Jonathan Cox seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation: Dawson County Humane Society, Inc.: Dr. Brandon Mills, DVM presented a proclamation to the City. The proclamation was read and signed by each council member. Mayor Cox thanked Dr. Mills and all the volunteers for their work to help the abandoned, stray and lost pet population in Dawson County.

Dr. Mills briefly addressed the public with a status report of where the Dawson County Humane Society stands to-date in building a facility, fund raising efforts, and are waiting on the promised donation of land to proceed.

Dr. Mills made a special presentation to Mayor Cox for being the first member of Dawson County Government to become a member of the Dawson County Humane Society.

Mayor Cox expressed his appreciation to the volunteers for the certificate and for their efforts to start the Dawson County Humane Society.

Grant Writing presentation by Greg Smith: Mr. Smith was not available to attend the meeting. Motion was made by Tim Wimpey to table this item of business until the November 15th meeting. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Codes presentation: Fire Marshall Ken Grosch presented the Council with an updated book regarding fire codes for the City to adopt. Motion was made by Mike Sosebee to approve the first reading of such fire codes. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DDA Member Training: Jonathon Cox asked the Councils approval and funding for the DDA members to attend one of the various mandated training session for DDA Board Members. Mike Wilson made a motion to approve funding the mandated training for DDA Board members. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Impact Fee Advisory Committee: City Attorney Dana Miles advised the Council of a need to make appointments to this joint committee between the City and the County. Jonathan Cox made a motion for each council member and the Mayor to bring a candidate for appointment to the Impact Fee Committee to the November 15th meeting. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Dana Miles asked the council members to advise either he or the City Clerk of the intended appointees so that he could be sure they meet the requirements of the appointment.

Sanitation Services: Motion was made by Mike Sosebee to authorize Kim Cornelison and Dana Miles to write a RFP for curb side sanitation services for city residents to voluntarily sign up for. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Subway Sign: Steve Holder presented the application for a sign at the Kangaroo encompassing the new Subway store located inside of the convenience store. Steve Holder said the sign met all criteria of the existing sign ordinance and recommended approval. Jonathan Cox made a motion to approve the sign application. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Fee Schedule: Steve Holder presented a standardized fee schedule that clarifies the rates charges for various items by the Planning Department. Jonathan Cox made a motion to approve the fee schedule. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Park Site: Kim Cornelison briefly gave a status report to the Council letting them know that the Antoinette Norfleet of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is waiting for a response from the Historical Preservation Agency to give a response to the request for removal of the Palmour house from the historical register.

2005 City Council Meeting Schedule: Kim Cornelison presented a 2005 meeting schedule for approval by the council. Jonathan Cox made a motion to approve the 2005 City Council Meeting Schedule. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings:

Compensation Rates Resolution: The City Attorney opened the public hearing for discussion on the Compensation Rates Resolution. The City Attorney reminded the council that they have had public hearings on this resolution at the past two council meetings. Motion was made by Mike Wilson to adopt the Compensation Rates Resolution. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Policies and Procedures: The City Attorney opened the public hearing for discussion on the Personnel Policies and Procedures Ordinance. The City Attorney reminded the council that they have had public hearings on this ordinance at the past two council meetings. Motion was made by Jonathan Cox to approve the Personnel Policies and Procedures ordinance. Mike Sosebee seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2005 Budget: Motion was made by Mike Sosebee to approve the preliminary 2005 budget. Mike Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Annexation/Rezoning of Ms. Gloria Tatum's property: **ANX-04-001:** Gloria Tatum has made a request to annex and rezone 32 acres of TMP 93-48. The subject property is currently located in the County and is zoned R-1 (Residential Single Family Restricted) to R-3 (Multiple Family Residential District) in order to develop a 90 lot subdivision. Location: 757 Highway 9 South.

Steve Holder presented the council with the Planning Departments recommendation that the subject property would better meet the Long Range Plan and the current Comprehensive Plan if it was zoned Highway Business along the frontage roads and residential behind the commercial frontage. The Planning Department recommended denying the request based on this information.

Andy Perry, Developer spoke in favor of the request. Ron Mashburn, realtor to the seller, spoke in favor of the request. Jonathan Cox expressed his concerns with going against the Long Range Plan that the City and County has been collaborating on for over one year now. As the Mayor called for a motion from the Council, Andy Perry asked for the annexation to be withdrawn from further discussion and without a vote being taken so that the seller would not be constrained from presenting the subject property to the council again if she chose to. Mr. Perry was referring to the annexation regulations that state if an annexation should not be passed by the Council then it will not be heard again for at least six months after the initial annexation hearing.

Mayor's Report:

The Mayor announced that Steve Holder has taken the Planning position for the City effective October 5, 2004.

He also announced the Kim Cornelison has successfully completed the mandated training for new clerks.

Lastly, he brought to the council's attention a letter he received from Cliff McClure who intends to raise the rent on the lot off of Academy the City currently uses to store construction materials. The City currently pays \$100 per month and Mr. McClure intends to raise the rent to \$400 per month. The Mayor asked all of the council to consider this and be prepared to take action at the next council meeting.

Public Comment: None

Executive Session: None

There being no further business to attend to, a motion was made by Jonathan Cox to adjourn the meeting. Tim Wimpey seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes approved this 15th day of November, 2004.

Joe Lane Cox, Mayor

Councilman Jonathan Cox

Councilman Tim Wimpey

Councilman Mike Sosebee

Councilman Mike Wilson

Attested: _____
Kim Cornelison, City Clerk